

FEDERATED CHURCH



Mission Statement:
*We are called to nurture a growing relationship with God
 by following the example of Jesus Christ.*



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Thursday, January 28 and Sunday, January 31, 2021

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

We are called Federated because on July 2, 1914, Columbus' Congregational (now the United Church of Christ) and Presbyterian churches joined to serve as one congregation.

Prayer requests can be shared with the Church Office (402) 564-2812 to initiate a Prayer Chain with the Order of St. Andrew. The Prayer Chain is strictly confidential.

If you missed worship last week, visit **www.federatedcolumbus.org** for videos of worship and bulletins, and on TV: Spectrum Channel 1304 (HD)
 Mondays 11:55am, Saturdays 11:55am and Sundays 7:55pm.

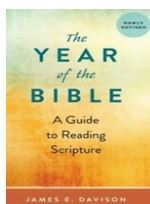
In case of an emergency, Pastor Edward's cell phone is (402) 302-2812.

Governing Council 2021 - Federated Church Elders			Federated Church Clergy and Staff	
Tim Warren, President Wayne McCormick, Vice President Louise Moran, Secretary			Rev. Edward Yang, Ph.D. Acting Head of Staff & Associate Pastor for CYF edward@federatedcolumbus.org	Jim Rains Office Manager j rains@federatedcolumbus.org
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Gene Hahn	John McClure	Jesse Abrego		
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Financial Administrators:	Donna Augspurger	Robin Lehr	Stuart Gausman Bell Choir Director	Lay Pastor Antonio Garcia El Buen Pastor Fellowship
	Terry Millard	Terry Norris		

JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ If you have any joys or concerns, please share with the congregation by informing the office.
- ◆ Please pray for the family of LaRene Busler who passed away on Sunday, January 24th at her home. A celebration of life service will be held at a later date.
- ◆ Please pray for the family of Paul Wilke (cousin of Mike and Brenda Sand) who passed away on Monday January 25, 2021. The funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 30 at 10:30 AM.
- ◆ Pray for Chuck Whitney who had surgery for heart ablation. Surgery went well, but there is concern with a hematoma (collection of blood).
- ◆ Please pray for Rosie Heinisch, who has been diagnosed with ALL (Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia) and is currently receiving chemotherapy treatment.
- ◆ Pray for all who are battling cancer and other life threatening diseases.
- ◆ Pray for individuals and families affected by COVID -19.
- ◆ From Homestead Presbytery: Lyons
The congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Lyons prays prayers of thanksgiving for the enthusiasm of our Sunday school students, the dedication of our ruling elders, the compassion of our deacons, and the connection of our prayer chain. We pray that God would bring comfort to all who have lost loved ones and livelihoods. May we know and show the hope, peace, love, and justice of Christ for all the world.

COVID Vaccinations - Appointments for Seniors 80 and older only - call 402-952-4031. Clinic is in Omaha - For a limited time only.



This year's Book Read begins on February 1st. **The books are now available in the office during office hours!** For those who have not paid, please do so at the time of pick-up.

Questions for Bible Reading (Week of Feb. 1-7):

- What does the rainbow after the flood symbolize? (Genesis 9)
- Who were the two sets of brothers among the disciples? (Matthew 4)

Walk to Jerusalem 2021

Federated Church will once again be participating in this event for 2021. Start sending in your minutes/miles to the church office. For more information, contact Jim or Chrissy.

Meals on Wheels Feb. 15 - 19 We now have 2 routes to fill. We love our volunteers! Coordinator is Renee Bellum. 402-563-2441 or 402-276-2454

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday, January 31

- 9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center, Upper Room
- 10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00am Christian Education/Youth Ministry Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 1

- 5:15pm OSA Committee Meeting, EC 4
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 2

- 1:00pm Lectionary Bible Study, EC 8/Zoom
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts Pack 279, Fellowship Hall
- 7:15pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting, Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, February 3

- 10:00am Staff Meeting, AD 2
- 2:00pm Worship Planning Meeting, EC 7
- 4:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Zoom

Thursday, February 4

- 6:15pm Scouts Roundtable, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Order of the Arrow, EC 8

Friday, February 5 No events

Saturday, February 6 No events

Sunday, February 7

- 9:00am Education Hour, Ed Center & other
- 10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary

**The Annual Federated Church
Congregational Meeting
is scheduled for
Sunday, February 28, 2021
following the Worship Service.
More information coming soon!**

The following motions were made and recognized by Governing Council during the October 2020 meeting:

- ◆ The Governing Council recognizes with serious concern the COVID pandemic and will continue to follow the safety precautions that have been established for this church. The Governing Council will continue to monitor and follow recommendations of state and local health professionals as well as our denominations, regarding in person services. We will continue to offer a choice of in person or online participation as long as conditions permit.
- ◆ A motion was made, seconded and adopted to open the east narthex doors on Sunday for parking convenience. Ushers will move rope and have hand sanitizer available. In addition, a bulletin containing activities, announcements and Joys and Concerns will be available as you exit the Sanctuary.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, AND SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2020

Hymns, Songs, Prayers, and liturgies in **Bold** are for the participation of the **Congregation**

PRELUDE

Choral Introduction and Menuet from Suite Gothique

BOELLMANN

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

ARR. GREER

Lee Augustin, Organ and Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship 54.1 & Presbyterian Outlook

One: Give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart

All: in the company of the congregation.

One: The Lord is gracious and merciful, ever mindful of the covenant.

All: The works of God's hands are faithful and just, established forever and ever.

One: Holy and awesome is God's name.

All: God's praise endures forever!

OPENING SONG

Be Thou My Vision

HEASLIP/ARR. C. HARRIS

iWorship DVD

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have shown us, O God, what it means to follow you. Forgive us when we fail; open our hearts and minds to your teachings. You modeled compassion in the person of Jesus Christ, but we do not extend kindness to strangers or friends. You challenge systems of injustice through the movement of your spirit, but we keep choosing comfort over justice, the status quo over the kingdom of God. You create all things good, and your creation sings your praise, but we consider no creatures but ourselves and wound your earth by our sin. Forgive us, O God. Pour your compassion on us this day, and by your forgiveness, show us how to share it with one another.

MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The grace of God is sure for each and for all.

All: Be restored to right standing with God and with one another.

One: Know that we are set free and empowered by God's Spirit

All: to create loving and just communities in our world. Thanks be to God.

PASSING THE PEACE

One: To Christ's peace, we are called as members of the body of Christ.

All: The peace of Christ be with you.

One: And also with you. Please greet one another with a sign of peace.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON (SUN.)

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Doug Williams, Liturgist (Sun.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel According to Mark 1 : 21 - 28

One: This is the Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Edward Yang, Pastor

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* Affirmation of Faith: "Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit" by Thomas Troeger

"Silence! frenzied, unclean spirit," cried God's healing Holy One.

"Cease your ranting! Flesh can't bear it. Flee as night before the sun."

**At Christ's words the demon trembled, from its victim madly rushed,
while the crowd that was assembled stood in wonder, stunned and hushed.**

Lord, the demons still are thriving in the gray cells of the mind:

tyrant voices, shrill and driving, twisted thoughts that grip and bind,

**doubts that stir the heart to panic, fears distorting reason's sight,
guilt that makes our loving frantic, dreams that cloud the soul with fright.**

Silence, Lord, the unclean spirit, in our mind and in our heart;

Speak your word that when we hear it, all our demons shall depart.

Clear our thought and calm our feeling; still the fractured, warring soul.

By the power of your healing make us faithful, true, and whole.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

INSTRUMENTAL DOXOLOGY

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, giver of all good gifts, we offer these gifts to you in return, with gratitude for the gifts you have showered upon us, including the gift of our very lives. May they, and we, bear your peace, love and justice into our community and our world. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Lord, I Cry to You
Recorded September 13, 2015

STONE/COX

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

ARR. WOOD